

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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PERFORMANCE IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS EVENTS

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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sports-persons who are being trained by the Government for better performance in International events;
- (b) the details of International events of sports which India is likely to host during the next ten years;
- (c) the plan being made for better hosting and best performance by Indian players; and
- (d) the total budgetary support to the Ministry in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) Around 13000 sportspersons are being trained in different centres under various schemes being implemented by the Sports Authority of India (SAI). Further, around 3500 sportspersons (including some trainees in the SAI's centres) are being trained every year under National Coaching Camps in the context of international events.

(b) The 3rd Commonwealth Youth Games are being held at Pune in October, 2008 and the 19th Commonwealth Games are scheduled to be held in Delhi in October, 2010.

International Championships/competitions in different disciplines are allotted by the World/International body concerned normally about a year in advance. As per information received from Federations concerned, the World Badminton Championship in 2009, the 10th Jr. and 4th Cadet World Archery Championships in 2008 and the 17th Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship in 2007 are proposed to be hosted by India.

(c) The Government is taking systematic steps for the creation/upgradation of the sports infrastructure required for the Commonwealth Games, and for up-gradation of the civic infrastructure and creation of other required facilities for the smooth and successful conduct of the Games.

As far as the performance of Indian players is concerned, the Government is already providing assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) for holding national/international sports events in India and for participation of Indian sportspersons/teams in international tournaments abroad to enable them to get adequate competition exposure; for training and coaching in India (and abroad) through Indian and foreign coaches, with requisite scientific, technical and equipment support; and, for procurement of equipments etc., in terms of Long Term Development Plans (LTDPs) agreed between NSFs and Government. Detailed discussions are also being held with the NSFs and other stakeholders, including the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and SAI, with a view to ensuring focused attention by all concerned on various measures for the improvement of performance at the international level.

In addition, Government also provides financial assistance to identified meritorious sportspersons for the purchase of equipment, scientific support, and training and participation in events within the country and abroad under the schemes relating to 'Talent Search and Training' and the 'National Sports Development Fund'.

(d) A provision of Rs. 150 crores has been made during 2007-08 for preparations for the Commonwealth Games. As regards other competitions in India, the Government provides financial assistance under the Scheme for Assistance to National Sports Federations mentioned in para (c) above. The expenditure incurred under the above mentioned schemes during the last three years is indicated below:

(Rupees crores)

Name of the Scheme	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
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Scheme of Assistance to National Sports	50.31	42.90	37.08
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Scheme Relating to Talent Search and Training	01.49	0.50	02.80
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Scheme of National Sports Development Fund	0.63	0.48	0.96
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